

1. (Amended) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment comprising:

a first wall member having a bottom side, a flap member securely attached [thereto] to said first wall member and extending along and outwardly from a first longitudinal edge of said first wall member [which is], said first wall member being hingedly attached to a first sidewall of a pickup truck box;

a second wall member having a bottom side and being hingedly attached to a second sidewall of a pickup truck box;

a means for bracing said first and second wall members in upright positions upon respective sidewalls of a pickup truck box for essentially extending the sidewalls of a pickup truck box, said means for bracing being located near a first end portion of each of the wall members; and

a means for lockably latching said first and second walls members together in a closed position, said means for locking being located near a second end portion of each of the wall members.

2. (Pending) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment as described in claim 1, wherein said flap member is thin and flat and having a width capable of extending partially beneath a first longitudinal edge of said second wall member when both said first and second wall members are in a closed position upon a truck box.

3. (Pending) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment as described in claim [2] 1, wherein said first and second wall members partially overlap a front wall and a tailgate of a truck box when said wall members are in a closed position.

4. (Amended) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension

A2 attachment as described in claim [3] 1, wherein said means for bracing said first and second wall members includes a plurality of brackets securely attached to said first and second wall members and to a front wall of a truck box, and further includes a pair of telescoping brace members securely mounted to said brackets.

5. (Pending) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment as described in claim 4, wherein one of said brackets is securely attached to said bottom side of said first wall member and another one of said brackets is securely attached to said bottom side of said second wall member.

A3 6. (Amended) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment as described in claim [5] 4, wherein one of said telescoping brace members has an end hingedly connected to said bracket which is securely attached to said first wall member, and the other of said telescoping brace members has an end hingedly connected to said bracket securely attached to said second wall member.

7. (Pending) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment as described in claim 6, wherein each of said telescoping brace members includes an air-filled cylinder and a piston movably extended in said cylinder for essentially locking said first and second wall members in upright positions upon a truckbox.

A4 8. (Amended) A truckbox cover and sidewall extension attachment comprising:

a first wall member having a bottom side, a flap member securely attached [thereto] to said first wall member and extending along and outwardly from a first longitudinal edge of said first wall

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member [which is], said first wall member being hingedly attached to a first sidewall of a pickup truck box;

a second wall member having a bottom side and being hingedly attached to a second sidewall of a pickup truck box, said first and second wall members partially overlapping a front wall and a tailgate of a truck box when said wall members are in a closed position, said flap member being thin and flat and having a width capable of extending partially beneath a first longitudinal edge of said second wall member when both said first and second wall members are in a closed position upon a truck box;

a means for bracing said first and second wall members in upright positions upon respective sidewalls of a pickup truck box for essentially extending upwardly the sidewalls of a pickup truck box, and including a plurality of brackets securely attached to said first and second wall members and to a front wall of a truck box, and further including a pair of telescoping brace members securely mounted to said brackets, one of said brackets being securely attached to said bottom side of said first wall member and another one of said brackets being securely attached to said bottom side of said second wall member, one of said telescoping brace members having an end hingedly connected to said bracket which is securely attached to said first wall member, and the other of said telescoping brace members having an end hingedly connected to said bracket which is securely attached to said second wall member, each of said telescoping brace members including an air-filled cylinder and a piston movably extended in said cylinder for essentially locking said first and second wall members in upright positions upon a truckbox, said means for bracing being positioned near a first end portion of each of the wall members; and

a means for lockably latching said first and second walls members together in a closed position, said means for locking being